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TAGS: CASC: (SMUTS, BARBARA), (SMITH, KENNETH STEPHEN), PINS

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS--STATUS

1. HAVE TALKED WITH ACTING FONMIN BAGBENI AND PASSED HIM COPY OF SECOND LETTER FROM KIDNAPPED STUDENTS. BAGBENI WAS APPRECIATIVE BUT MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT.

2. IN COURSE REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WITH DUTCH AMBASSADOR VERKADE, I LET HIM READ BUJUMBURA 424 AND GAVE HIM ORAL ACCOUNT MY UNDERSTANDING OF TANZANIAN DEVELOPMENTS. HE SAYS HE IS NOT BEING KEPT FULLY INFORMED BY DAR. COURSE DISCUSSION, I ASKED IF DUTCH HAD RELATIONS WITH AMIN AND VERKADE SAID YES, AMBASSADOR FEIN FROM NAIROBI REGULARLY VISITS KAMPALA. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO RESIDENT DUTCH REPRESENTATIVE. WE AGREED THAT WHILE IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY AMIN CAN REALLY BE HELPFUL, IT MIGHT NEVERTHELESS BE WELL FOR AMBASSADOR FEIN TO HAVE TALK WITH HIM LARGELY ON THEORY THAT IN FRUSTRATING CIRCUMSTANCES ONE SHOULD LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED. WE BOTH RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT CONTACT COULD BE RISKY GIVEN AMIN'S LOVE FOR PUBLICITY AND CONFIDENTIAL

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COULD ENDANGER MORE VITAL NEED FOR TANZANIAN AND ZAIRIAN COOPERATION.

SUGGEST DEPARTMENT REFLECT ON THIS POSSIBILITY AND
COMMENT URGENTLY TO THE HAGUE AND NAIROBI.
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